

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
INITIAL AND FINAL POLLUTION REPORT**

DATE: 3/25/03

SUBJECT: Fort Oil Tanker Rollover Site

FROM: Benjamin Franco, OSC
USEPA Region 4

TO: S. Hitchcock, EPA
Region 4, RRC

I. BACKGROUND

SITE ID:	Z4FB
PROJECT CEILING:	\$5,000
LEAD AGENCY:	EPA, Region 4, ERRB 61 Forsyth Street, SW Atlanta, Georgia 30303
NPL:	No
FUNDING:	OPA FPN#E03408
LEAD OSC:	Benjamin Franco

II. SITUATION

Date of Notification:	March 24, 2003
Date Action Started:	March 24, 2003
Pollutant:	Gasoline Tanker Truck Spill
Quantity Discharged:	7500 gallons
Source Identification:	Fort Oil Company

III. ACTIONS TAKEN

At 0400 hrs of March 24, 2003, phone duty officer OSC José Negrón dispatched OSC Benjamin Franco to a gasoline tanker truck fire on Highway 20 near Lawrenceville, Gwinnett County, GA. Because a responsible party had not been contacted, GAEPD requested our assistance. The accident occurred at 0130 hrs on a stretch of Highway 20 approximately six miles from the city of Lawrenceville. The truck was owned by Carl Fort of Fort Oil, 5554 Peachtree Ind. Blvd, Chamblee, GA 30366.

A preliminary investigation by Gwinnett Police indicated that the tanker truck impacted from behind a 20 yard sand dump truck. The dump truck was in the process of turning in to a construction site. The impact caused the gasoline tanker truck to catch on fire. The driver of

the tanker truck suffered burn injuries on his arms and was transferred to Grady Hospital. The intense heat damaged the vinyl siding of five homes, scorched an electrical pole, and damaged a section of the roadway. Several residents were evacuated temporarily. The road was shut down, and traffic was detoured thru other areas. GAPOWER crew had to replace a pole and reconnect power.

In order to minimize fuel and water runoff, the Gwinnett Fire Department did not put out the fire and they let the fire consume most of the gasoline. Still an undetermined amount of fuel entered the storm water system due to the initial breaking of the cargo tank. The OSC assisted GAEPD in looking for impacts along the storm water drainage route. An oil sheen was found in a small retention pond located in a nearby neighborhood, and this area was identified to the environmental contractor (Georgia Oil Mens Services) hired by the responsible party. GAEPD will require the responsible party to remove the impacted soil in the retention pond and along the DOT right away.

The evacuation was lifted early in morning and Gwinnett DOT replaced a section of the road with new asphalt. The road was reopened at 1600 hrs on the same day. GAEPD will be in charge of oversight responsibilities.

IV. FUTURE ACTIONS

GAEPD will oversee the responsible party's work, and no further actions are anticipated by EPA.

V. ESTIMATED COSTS

EPA	\$500
START	\$3,000
KEMRON	\$1,000